



Problem-Solving Courts Committee
Education Subcommittee Meeting

June 13, 2008
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Minutes

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. Members participating included Don Travis, Paul Southwick and Judge Natalie Conn. Others present included Chris Biehn, Howard County Juvenile Drug Court, and IJC staff members Mary Kay Hudson, Diane Mains and Jamie Bergacs.

II. Review of minutes from last meeting-April 18, 2008

Members reviewed and approved the minutes from the meeting held on April 18, 2008.

III. Recommendations from NADCP Conference

Committee members who attended the NADCP Conference recommend the following as possible faculty for the PSC Workshop

- Paul Carey
- Carl Dawson
- Steve Hanson
- Carolyn Hardin
- Earl Hightower
- Doug Marlowe
- John Marr
- Andrew Osborne
- Judge Weber (Kentucky)

Committee members recommended the following as possible training topics / breakout sessions

- Best Practices
- Sanctions and Incentives in Juvenile Drug Court
- SCRAM and Ignition Interlock
- Marijuana and the Brain
- Drug Screening Juveniles
- Racial Differences and Outcomes
- Cultural Competence and the 10 Key Components
- Confidentiality
- Sustainability

IV. Finalize Workshop Breakout Session Topics

- **Balancing the Roles**
Jamie Bergacs suggested John Marr for this session. He conducted a session at the national conference and the handout materials seem to include information on both avoiding burnout as well balancing various responsibilities.
- **Legal and Ethical Concerns Addressed / Ethics Jeopardy**
Committee members decided that this session should take place in the format of Jeopardy. It was requested that this session be moved to 9:00 a.m., so that the equipment can be tested prior to the beginning of the session.
- **Court Improvement Program-report from Mary Kay Hudson**
Mary Kay Hudson reported that Nancy Gettinger has resigned from IJC and will not be available for the fall workshop. Committee members would like for this session to continue with Nancy's replacement. This session should focus on CHINS and Family Dependency Courts.
- **Role of the Judge in Problem Solving Courts- report from Jamie Bergacs**
Jamie Bergacs reported that she did not receive a response to the survey that was sent to the Judges on the committee. Members agreed that this session should include local judges representing various problem-solving courts and will include a moderator to facilitate discussion among the judges. Mary Kay Hudson reported the Center for Court Innovation staff has recommended Alfred Siegel, deputy director, to serve as moderator.
- **Setting Up Your Not-For-Profit- report from Mary Kay Hudson**
Mary Kay Hudson reported that this session may move forward, but stated the session should encourage attendees to contact an attorney that specializes in this area of the law. There was some discussion as to the focus of this session- 501c3 or sustainability; however, members decided that the session should have a narrower focus of establishing a 501(c)3.
- **Addition of Pharmacology**
Pharmacology will be added to the agenda in place of the graduate panel, as the panel will now be a part of the opening plenary.

V. Finalize Opening and Closing Plenary Sessions

Committee members decided that the opening plenary will consist of a motivational speaker followed by a participant / graduate panel. The motivation speaker was not established. Paul Southwick recommended Mark L., who was a keynote speaker at a previous A&D annual meeting, as a potential speaker for the opening session. At the March 14, 2008 meeting the

following committee members agreed to recommend a participant from their jurisdiction for the participant / graduate panel: Don Travis, juvenile drug court; Sheila Hudson, reentry court; and Paul Southwick, adult drug court. Judge Conn also agreed to recommend a participant from her adult drug court. Members agreed that the graduate panel should include a moderator that will pose questions to the participants related to their experiences in drug court. Don Travis recommended that the format of this session be similar to that at the Children's Summit last December, which included providing the panelists a list of questions in advance of the session.

The closing plenary will focus on team building and will be conducted by either Dr. Wyatt Mullinax or John Marr.

Paul Southwick and Jamie Bergacs attended the *Bridges out of Poverty* session at the NADCP conference. Due to the amount and scope of the material, the group discussed it as a possible skill building session in 2010.

VI. Faculty Recommendations

Committee members discussed the following faculty recommendations:

- Tracy Schmitt- Drug Court Coordinator, Dubois County-Criminal Justice Screening
- Chris Lowenkamp, Research Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati-Core Correctional Practices
- Chris Lowenkamp, Research Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati and Paula Smith, Assistant Professor, University of Cincinnati-Risk and Needs Assessment and Treatment Planning (2 sessions)
- Deborah Mowbray, Coordinator, Vanderburgh County Day Reporting Drug Court-Setting up your not-for-profit
- TBA, Center for Court Innovation- Innovations in Supervision
- Alfred Siegel, Center for Court Innovation, The Role of the Problem-Solving Court Judge
- Valerie Raine, Center for Court Innovation, Problem-Solving Court Case Law
- Brenda Rodeheffer, Division of State Court Administration, The Effective Manager

IJC staff to begin contacting recommended faculty.

VII. Schedule next meeting date

The next education subcommittee meeting will take place, via conference call, on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 p.m.